

June 9, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554



Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. It appears to me that, on its face, this merger presents a potentially huge advantage to Louisiana as we continue our marketing efforts to attract new, high-tech, high-paying businesses to our communities.

I understand the value of competition. But, I also understand that there is the very real issue of economies of scale that can help bring costs down while driving service levels up. Many of us can remember the "good old days" when telephone service was divided up into dozens of local companies- and that was just in Louisiana.

The concept of being able to make a call to an uncle two Parishes away without going through an operator was unheard of. Today, of course, we can make a call to a colleague in Prague on a cell phone in our car (as a passenger, of course!) by simply punching in the correct series of numbers.

High-speed wireless access to the internet is no longer an "extra" for us to offer a potential business, like an upgraded kitchen in a new home. Wireless broadband access has, very quickly, become the price of admission before many managers will even read the materials, or have a meeting.

The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will, in and of itself, be proof that a small manufacturer or software development firm will be able to be in contact with his customers, suppliers and employees in any part of the world at any time of the day. We must assure businesses that being in Louisiana, in terms of telecommunications and information technology, is no different than being based in New Jersey or California.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "H. Friloux".

Henry Friloux  
2011 Chairman of the Board  
River Region Chamber of Commerce